



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Medicines Amendment Regulations 2022

Portfolio **Health**

On 14 April 2022, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in October 2021, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee agreed to the amendment of the maximum fees set in regulation 61 and Schedule 5A of the Medicines Regulations 1984 [SWC-21-MIN-0153];
- 2 **noted** that on 6 April 2022 the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee agreed to amend the Medicines Regulations 1984 (the Regulations) to enable the Director-General or a Medical Officer of Health to authorise a person who meets certain criteria to prepare and/or administer vaccines without a prescription [SWC-22-MIN-0059];
- 3 **noted** that on 6 April 2022 the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee also agreed to amend the classification of influenza vaccine in Schedule 1 of the Regulations to remove the age restriction, allowing pharmacists and authorised vaccinators to administer the influenza vaccine to people of all ages [SWC-22-MIN-0059];
- 4 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Medicines Amendment Regulations 2022 [PCO 24683/3.0];
- 5 **noted** that Regulations 6 and 8 of the Medicines Amendment Regulations 2022 come into force on 1 July 2022, the rest of these regulations come into force on 19 May.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon David Parker
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Michael Wood

Officials present from:

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Officials Committee for LEG